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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHARGE

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.) AR BR PA UY CI
SUBJ: TODMAN VISIT

REF: STATE 164912, SANTIAGO 5803

1. THE COMPLICATIONS HAVE BEGUN.
2. THIS MORNING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL INFORMED US THAT YOUR VISIT HERE WILL COINCIDE WITH THE SANTIAGO CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRIPARTITE (CHILE/PERU/ECUADOR) APPROVAL OF THE 200-MILE LIMIT. THE DG EMPHASIZED THAT YOU WERE STILL MOST WELCOME ANYTIME, BUT SAID THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ECUADOR AND PERU TOGETHER WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN POWER WHEN THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WOULD STRAIN CHILE'S RESOURCES. HE SAID THAT CONTACT WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MORE FRUITFUL IF THE GOC COULD DEVOTE ITSELF EXCLUSIVELY TO
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YOUR TRIP RATHER THAN SIMULTANEOUSLY WORRYING ABOUT A SPATE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND EX-PRESIDENTS WITH THE USUAL ACCOMPANYING PROTOCOL EVENTS.

2. I ALSO RECEIVED THIS MORNING STATE 166517 OUTLINING THE VISITS HERE OF CODELS YATRON AND WOLFF. THE DEPARTMENT'S CABLE IS GARBLED BUT IT APPEARS THAT YATRON WILL

ARRIVE HERE THE 15TH OF AUGUST AND DEPART THE 17TH,
WHILE WOLFF WILL ARRIVE THE 19TH AND DEPART THE 21ST.
IF WE CAN GET THE YATRON GROUP, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF TEN
CONGRESSMEN AND WIVES, PLUS STAFF AND SOME WIVES, OUT
OF TOWN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, WE WILL BE IN REASONABLE
SHAPE TO HANDLE YOUR VISIT AND CODEL WOLFF. IF BOTH
CODELS COINCIDED WITH YOUR VISIT, WE WOULD BE STRAINED
TO THE LIMIT.

3. I HESITATE TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE TO YOU
SINCE THE SCHEDULES FOR CODELS YATRON AND WOLFF ARE
STILL "PRELIMINARY." HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER TO DEVOTE
FULL ATTENTION TO YOUR VISIT AFTER THE CONGRESSMEN
HAVE LEFT TOWN. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU
POSTPONE YOUR VISIT TO SANTIAGO FOR ONE WEEK, TO AUGUST
25-27. (SINCE BOTH CODELS WILL BE IN THE REGION, SUCH A
POSTPONEMENT MIGHT HELP OTHER POSTS AS WELL).
WHATEVER YOUR PREFERENCE, WE WILL HANDLE MATTERS.
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